

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

A dynamic, thriving economy is critical to the future of Minnesota and each of its

citizens; and

WHEREAS:

The launching of new business enterprises and the development of innovative

products and services are key catalysts in the creation of such a thriving

economy and the expanded employment opportunities and career options it can

provide for workers of every age; and

WHEREAS:

Every community and region of Minnesota is blessed by the presence of individuals and organizations who are leading the way in expanding our business and industrial base and thereby creating more and better jobs; and

WHEREAS:

Their energy, imagination, and entrepreneurial risk-taking continue to enhance

and strengthen the economic well-being of each of our citizens and of the entire

state;

WHEREAS:

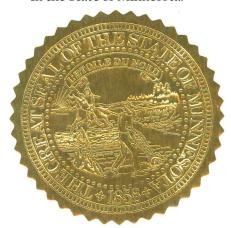
We are today recognizing many of these individuals and organizations—honorees of the first annual Finance and Commerce "Progress Minnesota" awards—and acknowledging their outstanding contributions to Minnesota's economic progress and its ability to compete successfully in the global

marketplace for ideas, products, and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2012 as:

## PROGRESS MINNESOTA DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie
SECRETARY OF STATE